having a sizeable population of Indian workers have officers specifically designated for work related to Indian labour alone. The number of such Missions is 8.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, other than above there are Consular officers in all our Missions abroad looking after the welfare of Indian workers. The Consular Sections also perform, among other things, the following functions related to Indian workers:

Complaints from abroad against individuals/firms etc. in India and from India against individuals/firms, etc. abroad (except commercial disputes); transmission of legal documents viz. letters of Request/Commissions, notices etc.; Indian Seamen. Regulations relating to shipping and navigation; War damage/pay/pension/provident fund, etc. claims of Indians against foreign Governments; properties and estates and wills of Indians abroad and estates and wills of foreigners in India excluding evacuee properties; deaths and funerals of Indians abroad and of foreigners in India; civil and criminal proceedings against Indians abroad; questions relating to Indian citizenship including registration of births and deaths abroad; marriages and divorces including Special Marriages Act, 1954 and Rules made thereunder, Foreign Marriages Act, 1969 and Rules made thereunder; legislation of documents-Notarial Acts Attestation and verification of documents; repatriation of destitute Indian citizens from abroad (except Haj pilgrims) and recovery of repatriation charges; enquiries relating to whereabouts of Indians abroad and their relatives in India (except students) and whereabouts of foreigners in India; financial assistance to Indian citizens (except Haj pilgrims) stranded abroad.

1860. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1986].

Transfers and postings in defence establishments

1861. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy regarding tranfers and postings of employees in different defence establishments who are nearing retirement age; and

(b) whether they are given any option of being posted in their home States or places of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Civilian employees nearing retirements are normaly not transferred, except when it is necessary to do so on account of promotions or administrative exigencies. However, in case an employee requests a transfer to a station of his choice, all efforts are made to accommodate him.

Requests of Service personnel for transfers to stations of their choice, during the last one to two years of their service, are also considered, subject to administrative feasibility.

1971 के युद्ध के पश्चात् लापता रक्षा कार्मिकों का प्रत्यावर्तन

1862. **श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी :** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1971 के भारत-पाक संघर्ष के पश्चात् 43 भारतीय रक्षा कार्मिक लापता हैं और वे उन 850 भारतीय सैनिकों में से हैं जो इस समय पाकिस्तानी जेलों में हैं और सरकार के अथक और बड़े प्रयत्नों के बावजूद न तो अब तक बंदियों की सूची ही प्राप्त की जा सकी है और न ही उनका प्रत्यावर्तन कराया जा सका है ; और

(ख) क्या भारत ने युद्ध के पश्चात् पाकिस्तानी बंदियों को लौटाते समय उनके प्रत्यावर्तन करने के लिये प्रयत्न किये थे, यदि हां, तो उसके लिये क्या कार्यविधि अपनाई गयी थी ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। विश्वास किया जाता है कि 1971 से भारत के 43 लापता रक्षा कार्मिक पाकिस्तान में हैं। पाकिस्तान सरकार ने इस बात का खंडन किया है। उनको भारत प्रत्यावर्तित करने के लिये बराबर प्रयास किये गये है ।

Setting up of an Apex Science Advisory Body

1863. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Apex Science Advisory Body attached to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the body, and

(c) whether it is likely to be supervisory body of all scientific forums in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. a Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has been set up through a Resolution dated 4th February, 1986 with Prof. C. N. R. Rao as Chairman and Prof. J. v. Narlikar, Dr. P. N. Tandon, Prof. R. Narasimha, Dr. A. S. Ganguly, Dr. Sekhar Saha and Prof. Madhav Gadgil as Members.

(c) As the name suggests, it is an advisory body.

US displeasure over anti-US stance of India

1864. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has expressed its displeasure on India's increasing anti-US stance in the United Nations; and

(b) if so, what is Goverment's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) As part of normal bilateral discussion, India and the USA have exchanged views on matters of mutual concern, including the voting patterns of both countries at the U.N.

Retrenchment of employees of ordnance factories

1865. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees in ordnance factories;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to retrench a certain percentage of these workers; if so, what guidelines have been issued for such retrenchment;

(c) in what manner the productivity, performance and efficiency of these factories are judged; and

(d) whether the products are sold to armed forces; if so, in what manner the prices are arrived at or their total costs debited to the forces' account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of employees in Ordnance factories as on 1-12-85 was 1,91,155.